

Clinton County Justice Coordinating Commission
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MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 20, 2021 **Time:** 1:30 PM **Location:** Law Center-Large CR or by Webex **Present:** Jeannette Archer-Simmons, Carole Dunkin, Bill Greenwalt, Brian Grell, Marlita Greve, Kevin Gyrion, Paul Hammond, Lisa Leslie, Dave Porter, Kim Ralston, Greg Reckman, Bill Schemers, Kim

Shepherd, Dan Srp, Mike Wolf

Staff: Vacant (Coordinator), Amanda Schwartz (Secretary)

Quorum: Yes (14 present, 9 needed)

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions Supervisor Srp opened the meeting at 1:33 PM.
- **2. Approval of 8/18/2021 Minutes -** A motion to approve the August 18, 2021 meeting minutes was moved by Sheriff Greenwalt and seconded by Mike Wolf. Motion passed all ayes
- **3. Financial Report** Sheriff Greenwalt reported the budget to be at 99% with \$9,900 remaining. The expenditure of \$100 for the annual Justice Clearinghouse membership renewal was submitted from the "Dues & Memberships" account line. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Mike Wolf and seconded by Paul Hammond. Motion passed all ayes
- 4. Discussion/ Possible Action Donation for Resource Center Pastor Ron Lott with the First Baptist Church in Clinton donated \$1,000 towards the support of the Clinton County Resource Center. That donation was deposited into the Donation line within the Sheriff's Office budget to spend for only the needs of the Resource Center. The expenditures from the donation will be documented. There are a few expenses identified that will total about \$400. Those invoices include public handout cards promoting the center for \$110 and a hallway sign in the courthouse for \$295. There are some additional small purchases identified that may be needed in the future. Discussion took place on how the commission would prefer to handle spending authority for certain expenditures needed from the CCJCC budget towards the Resource Center. Supervisor Srp suggested adding this to the next Board of Supervisor meeting agenda to discuss.
- 5. Discussion Inmate Facilitator/ Program The current population in the jail has been averaging 80-84 inmates throughout the last few months. Sheriff Greenwalt discussed the potential need for an inmate court facilitator to assist with expediting some cases to keep jail bed spaces open. The county has also incurred additional expenses because of some inmates' medical needs. The group discussed the strategies being used to speed up the process of having inmates released from jail. It was also discussed for the possible need for additional jail staffing now with the jail fully opened from previous COVID limitations. The group discussed the need for a court expediter and issues caused by the delay of hearings being scheduled. C/A Mike Wolf suggested the need for additional judges due to sentencing hearings being scheduled out a long ways which is keeping inmates in the jail longer. There is also a delay on probation revocation hearings that are currently scheduled out to December. Judge Greve stated while some criminal hearings are currently being held remotely, she is uncertain if that will continue next year. If the remote hearings do not, than that will cause additional slowdown in the scheduling of hearings. C/A Wolf stated he would review pending sentencings that can get released on pre-trial release to open up some jail beds.

- 6. Discussion Goal Planning Session Supervisor Srp provided a brief history of the CCJCC Coordinator position. The position was vacant in August 2019 and the funding for the position was instead focused on mental health staffing instead of the coordinator position. He asked the commission for feedback on whether or not a CCJCC coordinator is needed. The group discussed having a goal planning meeting in November to review the previous goals.
- **7. Determine 2022 Commission Schedule** The commission will meet every other month beginning in January on the third Wednesday at 1:30 PM at the Clinton County Law Center.

8. Selection of Officers for 2022

Supervisor Dan Srp's 2-year term as commission chair ends at the end of this year. Supervisor Srp opened up motions for the chair position. Mike Wolf nominated Dan Srp to continue as Chair. Supervisor Srp accepted his nomination and per the by-laws, he will serve as the chair for the next 2-years (2022-2023). A motion to approve Dan Srp as chair was passed with all ayes.

Chief Kevin Gyion's 2-year term as commission vice-chair ends at the end of this year. Supervisor Srp opened up motions for the vice-chair position. Sheriff Greenwalt made a motion for Mike Wolf to be vice-chair. Per the by-laws, he will serve as the vice-chair for the same 2-year term as the chair (2022-2023). A motion to approve Mike Wolf as vice-chair was passed with all ayes.

9. Committee Reports and Discussion

<u>Alternative Sanctions & Diversions</u>: Greg Reckman reported the group meets every other week to discuss jail diversion. July through September there were 165 people that visited the Resource Center. The BOS are actively researching a camera system for the Resource Center.

Court Issues: The next meeting is scheduled for November 10th.

<u>Jail Programming & Reentry</u>: Paul Hammond stated there is a licensed mental health professional with ACH working 30 hours in the jail per week. There is also a faith based religious group still visiting the jail each week.

<u>Mental Health/Substance Abuse</u>: The group discussed the need to transport individuals to facilities that are located on the other side of the state due to some facilities closer to the county currently not taking additional patients because of staffing shortages. Kim Ralston informed the group that some of the local hospitals have been averting individuals who have a history of violent behavior.

- **10. Open Forum** Sheriff Greenwalt invited the commission to a webinar called "Competency Restoration in Jails: A versatile Response to the Competency Crisis" that will be held at the law center in November. This webinar was funded through the CCJCC budget.
- **11. Adjournment** Supervisor Srp made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:33 PM. Motion passed all ayes. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17th at 1:30 PM for the annual goal planning session. Agenda items can be emailed to Amanda Schwartz.